

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

**HB 1152**, designating the funds account for donations and bequests received by the department of military affairs and veterans services to be non-lapsing funds.

**Hearing Date:** February 18, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:30 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:33 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill clarifies that the funds account that receives the donations made to the department of military affairs and veterans services is nonlapsing and continually appropriated.

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This bill is a request of the department of military affairs and veterans services.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Creighton

Rep. Bixby

Rep. Gagne

Rep. N. Germana

Rep. Harvey-Bolia

Rep. Tom Mannion

Rep. Moffett

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Innis

Sen. Lang

Sen. McGough

Sen. Ward

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Ruth Ward, Senator Donovan Fenton, Representative James Creighton, Nicole Bixler (Deputy Adjunct General, DMAVS)

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Jim Creighton**

- Representative Creighton explained that this bill ensure that donations received by DMAVS go into a non-lapsing fund.
- Representative Creighton stated that money ends up going to the State at the end of the year if not spent in time.

**Senator Pearl** asked if it is known how much money is currently lapsing on an annual basis

**Representative Creighton** differed to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services would be able to better answer that question.

**Nicole Bixler of the Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services**

- Ms. Bixler explained that no money has lapsed recently but that is because the department has told people to donate items rather than funds to avoid the problem.
- Ms. Bixler explained that HB 11552 makes these donations non-lapsing which would allow the department the flexibility they need.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 20, 2026